



PRETTY PACKAGE—Invitation displayed above is from Lyn Hawkins, luscious model who will display Christmas gift suggestions Monday night at the Polynesian restaurant. Lingerie and other intimate items for women will be shown as gift ideas for husbands.

Bradford Says Get Rid of Meters, Meterettes



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Torrance Decency Group Studies Smut

Censors Try to Link Sex with Crime

The Torrance Committee on Decent Literature and Publications, named two years ago by the City Council in an attempt to get scatology off the newsstands, met Monday night to reveal its accomplishments to hundreds of invited representatives of civic and service clubs, plus the general public.

Twenty-three souls turned up. A definition of what is considered obscene was given by the Rev. William K. Schatz, presiding committee member, who cited an opinion by the U.S. Supreme Court that which is below the moral standards of the community.

The audience was told the committee occupied the first nine months of its existence attempting to delineate its purpose. The group finally decided the police department could take care of the genuine pornography, so it would confine its attention to some bad imitations of Playboy, nudist publications, and the more intimate paperbacks.

The committee abstained from a clear implication that any publication should be withheld from adults, but declared its purpose is to keep what it terms borderline editions out of the hands of teenagers.

Most of the material passed round at the meeting would be a waste of anyone's money. Dr. Don Cortum, a committee member, fetched along a briefcase full of the most ineffectual trash obtainable from any newsstand.

Members of the audience ruffed swiftly through the offerings in embarrassed confusion and passed them along in uncomfortable silence.

No copy of Playboy, the original man's entertainment magazine, (Continued on Page A-6)

'Battle of Bands' Contest Opens

Teenagers from throughout Los Angeles County will compete during the early months of 1960 to participate in a major musical competition. "The Battle of the Bands," to be staged June 24 at Hollywood Bowl.

All applications must reach the contest director by Dec. 20. They may be obtained by contacting the director, 834 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 15, RI 7-5511.



MORE PARKING — Security-First National Bank gives downtown shoppers a break by opening lot at Cravens and El Prado Ave. to Christmas parking. Betty Baker, Miss Torrance, gives City Manager George Stevens a hand with post-hole digger preparatory to installing a sign telling the limits.

School Adviser Group to Meet, Install Officers

Adult education and Christmas will be major concerns of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee Monday in the group's monthly meeting at the Torrance Masonic lodge hall, 2326 Cabrillo, at noon.

Adult Education Principal Raymond E. Collins will present some of the facts of the night-school program, and carols will be sung by principals and administrators.

New officers, elected at the last meeting, will be installed. These include the Rev. Milton Sippel, moderator; W. E. Bowen, alternate moderator; Naomi McVey, secretary; and Robert Ellis, treasurer.

A school - construction report will be given by Assistant Superintendent S. L. Waldrip.

YULE DECORATION CONTEST TO START

Torrance's first Outdoor Christmas Display Contest will be conducted this year under sponsorship and supervision of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce with Rich, Gerald as chairman.

All residents of Torrance are eligible. Entry blanks are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office, 1511 Cravens Avenue. Entries must be in by Dec. 19.

Judging will be conducted between Dec. 20 and 23 by members of the Junior Chamber. The contest will be divided into two divisions, religious and novelty, with awards of plaques. Awards will be presented Dec. 23.

Airport Plaza, McDaniel's Sign Lease for Supermarket

Airport Plaza, Inc., new million-dollar shopping center to be constructed at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd., rapidly is concluding lease agree-

ments with a variety of businesses, it was disclosed today by George Graziadio for the Plaza. First enterprise to complete arrangements is McDaniel's Market chain, which will occupy a 36,000-square-foot space.

The market will follow the pattern of their newest supermarkets with the latest innovations and customer conveniences. Electronic door controls, spacious aisles, pastel interior colors, automatic check stands, and a huge selection of national-brand foods are among features of the market.

It will be the 27th McDaniel outlet in Southern California. Ground will be broken soon for a service station and a restaurant at the street corner of the property, Graziadio told The Press.

At the same time the Plaza is negotiating with national-chain variety stores, a drug chain, dress and apparel shops, and service facilities. Completion of individual deals will be announced presently, Graziadio said.

Reminders Being Sent

Reminders are being mailed this week to persons who have not answered their Christmas Seal letters, it was announced today by Paul H. Helms Jr., honorary chairman.

The reminders are being processed by volunteers who are putting in 18 hours daily on the task.

To date 660 volunteers and 34 organized groups have assisted in processing the letters.

Bradford Says Dump Meterettes

A new demand to remove Meterettes — and parking meters — from downtown Torrance was recorded at the conclusion of Tuesday's City Council meeting by Councilman George Bradford.

"The Meterettes are causing nothing but animosity," said Bradford. "As far as I'm concerned, you can take the meters out tomorrow."

He noted Torrance has more meters than ever and less revenue from them.

Bradford demanded the Meterettes be replaced by policemen who can walk a beat and enforce all laws, not just parking limits.

Lt. Don Nash of the police Traffic Division said the Meterettes are writing about 1200 tickets a month. Bradford indicated this strengthened his contention that animosity was the chief product of the meter system.

'Queen for a Day' to Fete Women of Torrance

"A Christmas Salute to Torrance" will be the title of NBC's "Queen for a Day" program Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Torrance will be the first city honored on the show.

Free tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 1511 Cravens Ave. Round-trip bus tickets are also available for \$1. No phone orders will be accepted, and early pick-up is being urged.

"Queen for a Day" is viewed by more than 10,000,000 nationally and the average value of merchandise each queen receives is \$3500. All contestants plus the queen, will be selected from the audience of Torrance women, with prize being all of her Christmas shopping, according to the star of the show, Jack Bailey.

Buses will leave from behind the Civic Center, 3031 Torrance Blvd., at 10 a.m. and arrive in Hollywood at approximately 11. Doors open at 11:15 and shut at 12:15 p.m.

A buffet luncheon, priced at \$1.50, will be served until 12:15 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

A special table will be reserved for civic officials and Torrance will receive special plugs during the program.

Manslaughter to Be Charged in Car Death

Highway Patrol officers are seeking a manslaughter complaint against Garry B. Johnson, 19, of 2433 W. 238th St., after death of an 80-year-old woman who was struck by his car.

Mrs. James Tomasin of 2445 Allene Ave., died in Harbor Hospital. She was struck in a crosswalk.

Death Takes Uncle of Torrance Woman

Requiem high mass was sung in Chickasha, Okla., Saturday for Frank Fealy, 66.

Mr. Fealy, a pioneer farmer-stockman, died last Wednesday. He was an uncle of Mrs. L. R. Ferguson, 3706 West 227th St., Torrance.

Torrance High School to Present Fifth Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday

The fifth annual Christmas concert, sponsored by the music department of Torrance High School will be presented in the school auditorium Tuesday at 8 p.m. for parents and patrons of Torrance High.

According to Roger Axworthy, chairman of the music department, the concert will be composed of four major parts.

After the professional, The Girls' Glee Club will present "Sleep of the Child Jesus" followed by "Noel, Noel," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "Christmas Song," and "The First Christmas Carol." Barbara Davis, Marjorie Winter, and Jane Strohm will be featured as soloists in "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

The Tartar Choir, a mixed chorus of 70 voices, will present "The Hunter," "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" "Carol of the Bells," and "Ya Viene La Vieja."

The third part of the program will be presented by the Tartar Band, playing "What Child is This?" "Holiday Tune," "White Christmas," and "Sleigh Ride."

A special added attraction of the program will be the famous narrative play, "The Christmas Carol," to be portrayed by the speech and drama class.

The program will end with a professional by the combined choirs singing "Silent Night."

Fiore, director of the Girls' Glee Club; Francis Snyder, director of the Tartar Band; and Lois Olsen, speech-drama instructor.

SCHOOLS OUT STARTING NEXT FRIDAY

Christmas vacation in the 31 schools in the Torrance Unified School District will run from Friday, Dec. 18, through Monday, Jan. 4.

There will be no change in the schedule at any of the schools unless parents are notified.

MADMEN OF CABRILLO

Three Car Dealers Plan Mad-Midnight Sale with Champagne, Coffee, Donuts

The three automobile dealers on Cabrillo Ave. plan a "Mad Midnight" sale Saturday, Dec. 19.

This event, more in the nature of a carnival, is being promoted by Vel's Ford, Paul's Chevrolet, and DeVon Plymouth.

Among events scheduled is an auction of the five best used-car buys from each of the three agencies.

This auction, with Eddie Lewis officiating, will be held in the street at the corner of Cabrillo, Gramercy, and Double.

No "stop-sale prices" will be used, and the buyer can name his own price and terms, subject to credit approval.

Representatives of finance companies are co-operating and will be present to assist any buy-

er. The sale will start at midnight and last until 3 a.m. However, all the dealers will be open prior to this time and the public is invited to come down and browse.

Coffee and doughnuts, champagne and cake will be served throughout the event.

Further details will be provided in future editions and the event will be given nightly publicity on the Tom Duggan show on Channel 13, from 10:30 to 12.

On the night of the 19th the three dealers are pre-empting all other sponsors on this show and will appear in person to tell you all about it.

Mayor Isen Praises Hospital, Will Attend Dedication Rite

Mayor Albert Isen will join Supervisor Burton W. Chace and Gordon L. Cummings, state hospital director, at dedication of the Little Company of Mary Hospital here Saturday at 2 p.m.

"This beautiful and imposing edifice is an inspiration to view and has exceeded all expectations," said Isen. "It will serve our community in a work of mercy and charity, and it is particularly appropriate that the facility is religiously inspired."

"The Little Company of Mary and the archdiocese of Los Angeles are indeed to be congratulated. We are happy to have their hospital located in Torrance."

Both the emergency facilities

of the new hospital and the 150-bed capacity, Chace said, will help reduce the need for residents to go outside the district for medical care.

The dedication ceremony and tour of the hospital will be public.

Others to attend the ceremony will be James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles, who will officiate. He will be assisted by the Rev. James A. O'Gorman, St. James Parish of Redondo Beach, and the Rev. Joseph K. McArdle, Nativity Parish of Torrance.

The hospital is located at 4101 Torrance Blvd., where first patients will be admitted about Jan. 1.

Board OKs New School, Addition

Preliminary plans for the new Victor Elementary School and for additions to South High School were accepted Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

Architects will proceed with final plans and, if there are no delays, the facilities could be ready in 15 months.

The new Victor school, at the corner of Victor and Spencer, will include 10 classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, administration shop, homemaking, and music facilities. It is expected to cost about \$640,000. It will serve

children in the recently annexed and rapidly growing Victor tract area.

Additions at South High will include two two-story classroom buildings containing 22 classrooms and conversion of some existing facilities to meet the needs of a larger enrollment. Also scheduled for bid, but in the doubtful category, are stadium facilities.

Classrooms are expected to cost about \$600,000. Since high-school building funds are limited at this time, the district may not be able to build the stadium.



CLOSE CALL—Residents had left house at Carson and Figueroa 20 minutes before car plowed into bedroom Tuesday morning. J. W. Dolan, attendant at station next door, and C. A. Morefield inspect damage. Fence was pushed into room.